

THE DEMOCRAT

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CURRENT COMMENT.

It is said there has not been a case of cholera anywhere in Austria or Hungary.

Two hundred bales of cotton have been billed from San Antonio, Tex., to Japan.

If a man had leaping powers proportionate to a flea he could hop from here to Jericho.

SPOLIAGE, cholera, said not to be of a dangerous character, has appeared in San Luis Potosi, Mexico.

CHOLERA among the troops is delaying the war in Afghanistan between the ameer and the rebellious tribes.

The first of the Northern Pacific's new line of steamers for Yokohama and Hong Kong leaves Tacoma in a few days.

It is rumored that the Reading has arranged a close traffic alliance with the New England and the Boston & Maine.

ITALY'S king and queen visited the American man-of-war at Genoa, shaking hands with the officers and witnessing a drill.

A BOTTOMLESS bog exists in Mattawamkeag, Me. Several bridges have been built upon it, but each in turn has sunk from sight.

JANE CARRHEAD is said to have recently made her 800th appearance in the London police courts. She holds the London record.

THERE is a lighthouse to every fourteen miles of coast in England, to every thirty-four miles in Ireland and to every thirty miles in Scotland.

CAPT. BERKMAN, of the American Steel Barge Co., is investigating the Texas coast, looking to secure a harbor for the whaleback ships.

It is said that in New York city 5,000 chattel mortgages on 9,000 saloons are held by twenty brewers, distillers and wholesale liquor dealers.

The Janeway, of Philadelphia, and the Cresswell, of New Brunswick, N. J., plants are reported to have been taken into the wall paper trust.

A BRAKEMAN at Uniontown, Pa., having slipped on a banana peel, accused a man of throwing it down with the intention of injuring him. The accused promptly shot the brakeman dead.

The Southern Pacific railway has recently subscribed for \$20,000 of world's fair stock. The various transportation lines of the country have taken an aggregate of about \$1,600,000 of the stock.

DURING the visit to Chicago at the time of the dedication of the world's fair building in October President Harrison will be the guest of Harlow N. Higginbotham, president of the exposition.

SPEAKING of big hats and your grandfather's hat, a New York hatter has just made a hat 8 1/2 in size. The length and width are 9 1/2 by 7 1/2. This, he says, is the size necessary to the comfort of the man with the biggest head in town.

REPRESENTATIVES from five tribes of Indians met at Pine Springs, A. T., to protest against the government forcibly taking Indian children from their parents and sending them to eastern schools. Many chiefs wanted to go on the war path. Utes, Pah Utes, Wallapais and Yava Subai tribes were represented at the council. Over forty Wallapai families have gone into the mountains in the vicinity of the Indian homes. They will resist all attempts to take their children to school.

GEN. GREELY, of Arctic fame, is said to look more robust and energetic today than he did eleven years ago, when he started on the expedition in which he experienced such terrible sufferings. He is a little gray now, but apparently as well as ever. Of the other survivors, Lieut. Brainard, who was promoted from a sergeant through the influence of Gen. Greely, is stationed in New Mexico. Greely is an inspector in the New York coast guard, and Long, Connell and Frederick are employed in the weather service.

THE census bureau has issued a bulletin on the color and nationality of the population of Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Michigan and Minnesota. Of the total population of these states as a whole, over 21 years of age, 19.59 per cent are aliens and 64.23 per cent of these have been naturalized, while 7.81 per cent have taken out their first papers. Of the total population of these states, 20.10 per cent; in Illinois, 20.24 per cent; in Michigan, 27.99 per cent; in Wisconsin, 42.33 per cent, and in Minnesota, 24.20.

COL. J. H. KING, a government official interested in rain experiments, was in Pierre, S. D., recently. Asked when the experiments were to be made, Mr. King said: "You folks have been having so much cold rainy weather out this way that we can't make any experiments until this condition of things changes. I am here to look the ground over, and will probably remain a week. If in that time I think the conditions are favorable for experiments, they will probably be made a little later on. Taken altogether, I hardly expect any experiments will be made this fall, and the whole matter will be postponed until next summer."

BERNHARDT, who was recently in Brussels, expressed himself there with contempt regarding the cholera. Indeed, according to the London News, he felt sure there was no such malady. There might be an atmospheric state favoring its production in unhealthy people, but that was all. The cholera microbe seemed to her the most absurd child of the human imagination. She is willing to go to any cholera stricken town to give a benefit in favor of the so-called victims of cholera. Sarah's breezy indifference to cholera shows she is a crank on the subject, like many others who have the public ear. Cholera is not a nervous disease which may be bluffed away, but is caused by a specific virus, which, when it reaches the lower bowels, is just as likely to knock over the boldest as the most timid.

NEWS OF THE WEEK.

Gleaned By Telegraph and Mail.

PERSONAL AND POLITICAL.

It is understood that the vacancies in the treasury department caused by the resignation of Assistant Secretary Crounse and Solicitor Hepburn will not be filled until after the election. If either falls of election to the office for which he is running, he will probably be reappointed.

THERE is much excitement in political circles at Santiago, Chili, owing to the interference of the clergy with voters. Senators allege that priests refused confession in Chili to any one voting for Isadora Ewazuriz.

The Vatican has been visited by Mr. O'Reilly acknowledging the receipt of the St. Ann relics and practically admitting their genuineness.

THERE is some talk of Emperor William of Germany coming to the United States next year.

LEUT. PEARLY, who has returned from the arctic regions, telegraphs that he has hoisted the American flag in latitude 82 degrees north, longitude 34 degrees west.

The election in Maine occurred on the 13th. Although by reduced majorities the republicans carried almost every county, electing the governor by 11,000 majority.

At all the Catholic churches in Illinois the priests read from the altar a pastoral letter strongly denouncing the Edwards compulsory education law and calling upon Catholic voters to enforce the demand for repeal.

LEUT. JAMES G. BRANT had failed to register when the final session of the board in his town was held, and thereby was disbarred from voting at the state election.

AN POE, a Chinaman, was found dead, poisoned, at Ottumwa, Ia. Highbinder was desired.

The governor of Arizona estimates the population at 70,000. Immigration was desired.

Gov. FLOWER called out the state troops to overawe the mob at Fire Island. The injunction was dissolved and after two days' suffering the unfortunate passengers from the Normanna were allowed to land.

REAR ADMIRAL J. C. HOWELL, of the United States navy, died at Folkestone, England.

PRESIDENT DIAZ has extended the time in which corn may enter Mexico free of duty.

THE report of physicians on the health of Mrs. Harrison was that she was in a critical state from pulmonary trouble and nervous prostration.

TEXAS republicans resolved to endorse Clark, the nominee of one faction of democrats, for governor.

Mrs. Harrison's republican friends have nominated William P. Hall, of Springfield, for governor.

THE democratic national committee has issued an address congratulating the party on the result of the elections in Vermont, Maine and Arkansas.

FIVE of the Dalton gang of train robbers were run down and captured near Deming, N. M., including Bob, Amy and Grant Dalton.

News has been received that Arthur Smith, a young man of Fargo, N. D., has gone crazy and is now at large in the woods near Detroit, Minn. When last seen he was almost naked.

J. F. PETERS, a farmer living near Bondville, Ill., was attacked in his barnyard by a young bull and disemboweled. He died.

MRS. MARGARET SHEEHAN and her seven-year-old daughter burned to death at Stockton, Cal. It was supposed the woman dropped a lighted kerosene lamp, which set the building on fire.

CERTAIN dissatisfied democrats of Kansas have called a convention to meet at Topeka October 7 for the purpose of nominating a straight out ticket.

The League of Republican Clubs met at Buffalo, N. Y., on the 15th and was addressed by Clarkson and McKinley.

JUDGE WELLS has been nominated for governor by the voters of Louisiana.

LOUIS A. DENT, Secretary Blaine's private secretary, has been appointed consul to Kingston, Jamaica.

RETURNS of the Vermont election have been received from the entire state. Fuller (rep.), for governor, has 39,190; Stanley (dem.), 19,520; Allen (pro.), 1,634. Fuller's plurality, 19,664 and majority 18,014.

RICHARD MASSFIELD, the actor, was married to Beatrice Cameron in New York.

CLARKSON was re-elected president of the Republican League of Clubs.

THOMAS H. WATSON, attorney-general of the confederacy from 1862 to 1869 and then governor of Alabama until the close of the rebellion, died suddenly at Montgomery, Ala., of heart disease.

EIGHT thousand river district miners of Pennsylvania are out on a strike against a one-half cent cut in wages.

COSTA RICA was reported in the throes of revolution.

The engineer of a Chicago suburban train was killed and several passengers injured by the derailing of the train.

FOUR drunken policemen gave the American consul at St. Johns, N. F., a severe beating. The offenders are in jail.

PUBLIC and Sabbath schools have been closed in Anna, Ill., owing to the prevalence of diphtheria.

A SUDDEN rise in the Nile river has caused alarm among the engineers at work there.

It was expected that federal troops would be used to suppress the disorders in the Choctaw nation. Rumors of additional murders were prevalent.

WHILE trying to save their catch of fish four Newfoundland fishermen were drowned in a violent gale. A schooner and her entire crew were lost.

THE finest body of timber in Washington state is on fire and it is feared many parties who were gathering huckleberries are hemmed in. The loss will amount to millions.

The board of health at New York on the 14th announced that Asiatic cholera had obtained a foothold in the city. Five deaths had occurred, undoubtedly from the disease within five days.

KANSAS STATE NEWS.

Straight Democrats.

A number of prominent democrats, who are dissatisfied with the action of the state convention in endorsing the populist state ticket, met recently at Topeka and issued the following call: To the Democratic Voters of the State of Kansas:

TOPEKA, Kan., Sept. 15, 1892.—There is widespread dissatisfaction throughout the state at the action of the democratic state convention on July 9 in refusing to maintain the democratic organization of the state by placing in nomination candidates for the various state offices, and especially in nominating the already nominated candidates of another political organization not to the democracy with democratic principles and precedents.

By the action of the convention you are not only deprived of the opportunity of directly expressing your appreciation of the wisdom, distinguished services and exalted patriotism of the worthy successor of Jefferson, Mr. Grover Cleveland, but an attempt was made to deliver you to a hostile political organization, which, if successful, would destroy your party in the state and bring disaster and ruin to the material interests of our people.

While we acquiesce in the action of the convention with reference to the electoral ticket, we protest against its action as to the state ticket as unprecedented and revolutionary. No democratic principle is thereby involved.

To the end that the credit and good name of our state and people may be preserved and the principles of our party upheld, and to the end that we may be able to carry out the intention of those democrats who do not intend to support the state ticket of the so-called populist ticket, we hereby call for a caucus of the city of Topeka, on Friday, the 7th day of October, 1892, at 10 o'clock a. m., and we cordially invite all such democrats to be present.

Signed by A. A. Harris, J. C. Lowe, C. P. Spewing, J. S. Emory, T. P. Fulton, Ed. M. Hewins, Samuel Clark, J. B. Crouch.

Emporia has been seriously troubled with burglars lately.

Veterans of the Sixth Kansas held their reunion recently at Lawrence.

Dr. R. F. Bryant has been appointed pension examining surgeon at Lincoln.

Lightning rod peddlers have lately been swindling farmers in the vicinity of Emporia.

The grand lodge of Good Templars met at Topeka on the 13th with about 150 members in attendance.

Charles Toff, manager of the Leavenworth Baseball club and League park, is reported to have skipped the town with \$115 in funds that did not belong to him.

Hugh Henry, a negro, attempted to criminally assault Miss Mabel Welsh at Lawrence the other night. He was captured the next day and lodged in jail.

At night a mob took him from jail and hanged him to a telegraph pole.

During a recent storm the young daughter of Miles Rachford, a farmer residing near Osage City, was killed by lightning and two other members of the family so seriously shocked that they were not expected to recover.

James Hancock has organized the ladies of Minneapolis and fifteen patients died during the same time. Ninety-two persons who had been under treatment were pronounced by the physicians to have recovered from the disease.

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CHOLERA DOWNED.

No Fresh Cases in New York—A Case in New Jersey—Better in Hamburg and Russia.

NEW YORK, Sept. 19.—The board of health issued a bulletin yesterday afternoon in which it was stated that no cases of suspected cholera had happened since the last bulletin and no deaths from cholera had occurred since Tuesday.

They report that there is no reason to believe the diagnosis of the attending physician in the case of Peter Callahan, a suspected case to be correct, in that the death was due to diarrhea and exhaustion.

The report of the bacteriologist on the case of Mary Connerty, a suspected cholera case, is to the effect that no spirillum of cholera has been discovered.

Mayor Grant, Superintendent Byrnes, President Martin, of the police board, and Dock Commissioner J. Sergeant Crane, went down the bay yesterday afternoon on the police boat patrol.

At upper quarantine they were joined by Health Officer Jenkins and the party proceeded to lower quarantine and Camp Low at Sandy Hook.

A BIG DECREASE AT HAMBURG. HAMBURG, Sept. 19.—From the returns received in regard to the ravages of the cholera epidemic in this city it is learned that 250 fresh cases and 127 deaths were reported Saturday.

These figures, however, include ninety-six fresh cases and forty-five deaths which occurred on previous days, thus showing a big decrease in both the number of patients and the mortality from the pestilence. No detentions were made on the authorities for the transportation of the bodies of victims to the mortuary until 8:30 o'clock in the morning.

A fact showing the return of confidence on the part of the people is that the usual concerts were given in the St. Peter's church yesterday afternoon for the first time in several weeks. Other public concerts were resumed last night.

CHOLERA IN NEW JERSEY. NEW BRUNSWICK, N. J., Sept. 19.—Capt. James Carr, owner of the canal boat Henry Cahill, which is lying at the foot of Sixth street, New York, came to his mother's house, 18 John street, this city, with his wife and child on Friday evening by the steamboat New Brunswick, and was stricken with cholera and is now very low.

The case is pronounced Asiatic cholera by Dr. Baldwin, inspector of the board of health. The patient has been quarantined and a post house prepared for the patient, but it is thought he will die before he can be taken there. The city is in good sanitary condition. There is much excitement, but no panic.

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"PECK'S BAD BOY."

Warrant Issued For the Arrest of Labor Commissioner Peck, of New York—He is Accused of Burning Official Papers.

ALBANY, N. Y., Sept. 17.—At 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon, at the request of District Attorney Easton, a warrant was issued for the arrest of Charles E. Peck, commissioner of the state bureau of labor statistics, and his stenographer, Elbert Rodgers, by Justice Gutman. It is for a misdemeanor punishable by five years' imprisonment for destroying records.

The charge is that statistics received by Mr. Peck from manufacturers of the state upon the effect of the McKinley tariff on wages have been removed from his office and destroyed.

The proceedings leading up to the issuance of the warrants were begun before Judge Gutman behind closed doors. Those present were District Attorney Easton, Corporation Counsel Delahanty and ex-Senator Norton Chase. Among the persons who were subpoenaed and who gave the testimony on the warrants were issued were William Denison, who is the private house where Mr. Peck and Mr. Rodgers have rooms. Servant Jai, who has charge of Mr. Peck's rooms, and Miss Schaefer, a clerk in the bureau of labor statistics.

The facts furnished by Mr. Denison, as learned by an Associated Press reporter, are that two weeks ago an expressman brought about twenty-five packages, each about two feet long, to the house where Mr. Peck boards and he, with the man who was with him, carried them up to the rooms of Mr. Peck. The packages were stored in the private bath room. The packages remained there till last Sunday.

On the afternoon of that day Mr. Rodgers told Janitor Denison he wanted to have the packages burned in the house furnace that night. Mr. Denison said he would see to it, and when Mr. Rodgers gave him the key to the house he consented and shortly after 6 o'clock that night Mr. Denison carried the packages down to the cellar from Mr. Peck's bath room, and starting a fire in the furnace, kept feeding it steadily with the contents of the packages until twenty minutes past 3 o'clock Monday morning.

Mr. Rodgers made all the arrangements with Denison. Some of the packages were thrown in a vault, but most of them were burned. Nearly all of the paper burned was blue sheets, which were the same color and size as those sent out to manufacturers for returns on the effect of the tariff. It is not known just how the burning of the papers leaked out.

Norton Chase said after the warrants had been issued that he had proof that, if not all, part of the tariff circulars received by Mr. Peck for his report had been destroyed.

Commissioner Peck said last night that he had just been served with a notice to answer the warrants in police court. He said: "The securing of the warrants is the culmination of the fight by anti-Hill democrats and it is all they can expect henceforth from these quarters."

NORMAN'S PASSENGERS. Their Ill Luck Lasts Until They Reach the Mainland.

LONG ISLAND CITY, L. I., Sept. 17.—The train carrying the passengers from Fire Island who availed themselves of the railroad facilities for reaching this city arrived here shortly after 1 o'clock yesterday afternoon. The passengers were met at the depot by a large crowd of their friends. They were all completely tired out, and had to be cared for by their friends. Many of them had been under treatment for cholera and were in a very weak condition.

New York, Sept. 17.—The 447 passengers of the Normanna which it had been decided should leave Fire Island for Hoboken on the Cepheus were brought aboard by the tug Illinois. The tide was low, and when within a half mile of the ocean the vessel went half aground on the bar. After a delay of two hours the tide rose sufficient to float her, and her nose was again pointed to the ocean. It had been understood that Dr. Voight had decided to send all the passengers by boat, but after the start the absence of Senator McPherson, A. M. M. Palmer, L. Lewinsal and others was noticed.

There was much indignation when the fact became known, as any of the passengers would have willingly paid their own expenses if allowed to go by way of Babylon to Long Island City. There were thousands of men and women on the Hamburg's company's pier, at Hoboken, when the Cepheus hove in sight. The vessel was soon tied up, and as the passengers ran down the gang plank they were welcomed by friends in waiting.

RIOTERS INDICTED. The Grand Jury at Pittsburgh Hands Down Two Bills—Hugh O'Donnell is Charged With Rioting.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Sept. 17.—The grand jury yesterday handed down two bills against forty-nine participants in the Duquesne riot. They are charged with unlawful assemblage in connection with the trouble at Duquesne on August 4. The information were all made by F. T. Lordy, secretary of the Carnegie Steel Co., before Alderman McMahers. The cases against the Homestead men were also before the grand jury, but will not be returned until next week.

Hugh O'Donnell, of Homestead, was arrested yesterday on the charge of the murder of Detective Klein. He was committed to jail. His application for release will be heard in the criminal court to-day.

A Bridge Knocked Down. WEST STURGEON, Wis., Sept. 16.—The scaffolding of the Terminal & Belt line bridge across the St. Louis river was torn away by a tug yesterday afternoon and the whole bridge fell. Four men were more or less injured. Foreman Hildson, of the King Bridge Co., Cincinnati, was killed. The other men were in a very bad condition. His left wrist was dislocated and arm broken, and he received also internal injuries which are likely to prove fatal. He is at the St. Francis hospital, still unconscious. The other injured men are not so seriously injured. The contractor, who is at St. Louis, Wis., twenty miles from here.

The President's Wife. LOON LAKE, N. Y., Sept. 16.—Mrs. Harrison was reported by Dr. Gardner as being a trifle better this morning, with indications of a natural absorption of the food. The president and his household seems to be encouraged at Mrs. Harrison's present condition, but it is plainly evident to their intimate friends that they have little or no hope of her recovery. The doctors no longer conceal their anxiety, but practically admit that the case has gone beyond the point where medicine or human skill can further avail.

INTERESTING MEMORIAL.

Presentation of a Medal to a Late Confederate Officer For Saving Federal Prisoners From Execution.

KNOX, Ia., Sept. 16.—Yesterday began the joint reunion of survivors of the First Iowa cavalry and Nineteenth Iowa infantry. It will close to-night with a banquet tendered by the citizens. On their way to the front in 1861 these regiments rendezvoused at Keokuk and encamped on the present site of the beautiful Rand park. The chief feature of last evening was the presentation of the Graves medal. September 25, 1864, Lieut. J. W. Graves, of company A, Third Missouri cavalry, with forty confederates, while endeavoring to plant a flag of truce on the battlefield of the battle of Stones River, was captured and taken to the First Iowa cavalry, where he was surrounded by detachments of Todd's, Anderson's and Quantrell's guerrillas in a lonely spot about twenty miles from Lexington, Mo. The guerrillas numbered about 150 men, and were in command of the notorious and merciless Jesse James and Cole Younger. Having halted both detachments marching under the flag of truce the guerrillas demanded of Col. Graves that he immediately surrender to them the federal soldiers. This he felt would be to hand them over to be massacred, and with an honor and valor that was well known he defiantly declined to do so. Hiding in front of his men and addressing the guerrilla leaders, Lieut. Graves said that the men they asked to be surrendered were in his charge, and that if a shot was fired or an attempt made to injure them he would proceed to fire in defense of their trust and the federal soldiers. This courageous declaration quailed the guerrillas, and they sullenly departed without being able to gratify their brutal taste for murder and blood. They rushed to the rear, and the federal soldiers should at once proceed to get within their own lines, and they followed them for some distance, hoping for a safe opportunity to attack them. Lieut. Graves is now editor of the Leader at Graham, Tex. The medal is a beautiful creation of gold studded with diamonds, and is inscribed thus: "Presented to Lieut. J. W. Graves, company A, Third Missouri cavalry, C. S. A., by the officers and men of the First Iowa cavalry, for saving federal prisoners from execution, September 25, 1864, when his command of forty men saved Capt. J. T. Foster and sixteen men of the First Iowa cavalry, whom he was escorting under a flag of truce, from